

**Verizon New England Inc.
d/b/a Verizon New Hampshire**

State of New Hampshire

Docket No. DM 05-172

Respondent: John Puopolo
Title: Director - Construction

REQUEST: New Hampshire Utilities Commission Staff, Set 3 Follow-Up Topic 2

DATED: May 30, 2006

ITEM: Staff 3-6D VZ - At the place rate (in crew hours) for 2006 YTD, 2,797 poles would
Follow-Up have been set in 2004 (instead of 3,609) and 2,611 poles would have
been set in 2005 (instead of 2,726) for the time spent on this activity.
Please show (not explain) how the place rate has increased so
dramatically (29%) for only the “pole set activity” since 2004.

REPLY: Verizon NH has made a correction to the calculation of the set rate
provided in its response to Staff 3-6C Follow-Up. Below is the detail
showing the sub-categories which were used in the development of that
set rate. Please note that Verizon NH’s set rate performance is not
materially different from 2005 to 2006.

Further, there are reasons that contribute to changes in average annual set
rate: the type of jobs, terrain and condition of the work area all impact
the speed with which poles can be placed.

Poles Place:		Total Hours	# of Poles	Place Rate
2006 (YTD)	w/ vehicle access	4548	763	5.96
	w/out vehicle access	15	2	7.50
	Total	4,563	765	5.96
2005	w/ vehicle access	15,715	2680	5.86
	w/out vehicle access	80	19	4.21
	Total	15,795	2,699	5.85
2004	w/ vehicle access	17,062	3,594	4.74
	w/out vehicle access	101	15	6.73
	Total	17,163	3,609	4.76

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